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SEPARATION ANXIETY

PART 4 OF 4

RANDALL

DEADLY REUNION!

NIGHTTIME IN A SMALL CITY NEAR CHICAGO.

THEY'RE DEAD, BROCK!

ALL DEAD BECAUSE OF YOU!

LIFE'S TOUGH, LADY.

YOU AND YOUR SYMBIOTIC BUDDIES NEVER SHOULD HAVE BROKEN ME OUT OF PRISON AND BROUGHT ME HERE!

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AFTER TONIGHT, LIFE IS NOT SOMETHING WITH WHICH YOU ARE GOING TO NEED TO CONCERN YOURSELF!

DONNA, I KNOW YOU WON'T BELIEVE ME...

...BUT I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH KILLING YOUR FRIENDS!

LIAR!

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!

WHETHER YOU PUT THE SONIC BLADE INTO THEM OR NOT!

I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING!

WE'LL WORK WITHOUT YOU, BROCK!

FIND THE SECRETS OF COMMUNICATING WITH OUR OTHERS WHILE YOU ARE ROTTING IN YOUR GRAVE.

FINE...

WHAT I...

DESERVE...

NO.

DON'T DO IT, KID!

DON'T SINK TO HIS LEVEL.

HE'S BRINGING THE WORST OUT IN ALL OF US!

GET CONTROL OF YOURSELF.

GET CONTROL OF YOUR OTHER!

BUT THEY'RE DEAD, CARL... LESLIE, RAMON... DEAD BECAUSE OF HIM.

I KNOW KID.

ALL ANY OF US EVER WANTED WAS TO DO SOME GOOD...

...LEARN TO CONTROL THE SYMBIOTES.

BUT THIS PSYCHO...

I DIDN'T KILL THEM!

NOT THAT I WOULDN'T HAVE LIKED THE OPPORTUNITY.

KRAK

AT THE OTHER END OF THE WAREHOUSE...

COME ON! COME... ON!

KLANG

GOT TO GET AWAY FROM THOSE THINGS.

GOT TO RUN AS IF MY LIFE DEPENDS ON IT...

...BECAUSE IT DOES!

I'VE PUT MYSELF INTO A LOT OF NASTY SITUATIONS TRYING TO GET A STORY...

...BEEN SCARED...

...BUT NEVER THIS SCARED!

WHAT THE--?

THE LIGHT: HOW COULD THEY...?

YOU ON THE GROUND!

STAND FAST.

KEEP YOUR HANDS IN SIGHT AT ALL TIMES.

WE ARE FEDERAL AGENTS!

THANK YOU.

RELAX, SOLDIER BOYS! I'M JUST A HARMLESS JOURNALIST WITH THE DAILY BUGLE BACK IN NEW YORK. MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD OF ME? I'M--

WE KNOW EXACTLY WHO YOU ARE, MR. KEN ELLIS!

YOU'RE THE JOURNALIST WHO IS IN BIG TROUBLE FROM THE STUNT HE PULLED GETTING TO BROCK WHILE HE WAS UNDERGOING TESTING BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

A STUNT THAT MAY HAVE AIDED HIS ESCAPE.

HELP US FIND HIM AND HIS OTHER AND MAYBE I CAN SEE THAT THEY GO EASY ON YOU.

YOU MEAN OTHERS RIGHT?

OTHERS?

START TALKING, MISTER.

here, eddie

here to help

here to merge

MEANWHILE...

WAKE UP, BROCK!

TIME TO HAVE A FINAL CHAT.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? WOULD YOU RATHER NOT BE HERE WHILE CARL AND I QUESTION HIM?

I'M FINE, TREVOR.

REALLY...

...I'M FINE.

LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH.

I AGREE.

KILL ME NOW AND LET'S BE DONE WITH IT.

YOU JUST DON'T GET IT?

WE DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU!

THAT WOULD MAKE US LIKE YOU!

ALL WE WANT IS TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR OTHERS... TO LEARN TO CONTROL THEM.

WE WANT TO USE THEM TO DO SOME GOOD... A CONCEPT THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING.

EVERY DAY IT BECOMES HARDER TO CONTROL THEM.

EVERY DAY WE FEEL LIKE WE GIVE UP ANOTHER PIECE OF OUR SOULS TO THEM.

WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THEM, BROCK.

WE WANT TO UNDERSTAND THEM.

ALL I'M ASKING IS... IF THERE IS A SHRED OF DECENCY LEFT IN YOU... IF YOU HAVE ANY DESIRE TO ATONE FOR YOUR SINS... THE LIVES YOU DESTROYED... THOSE YOU HAVE TAKEN...

... PLEASE... PLEASE... HELP US.

I... I...

OUTSIDE...

WE'RE IN POSITION, COLONEL.

AWAITING YOUR ORDERS.

YOU SAY THERE WERE FIVE OF THEM? HOW MANY ARE IN THERE RIGHT NOW?

I DON'T KNOW. THERE *WERE* AT LEAST FIVE. I *THINK* AT LEAST ONE OF THEM IS DEAD, BUT... I JUST DON'T KNOW.

NOT TO WORRY, MR. ELLIS. FIVE OR FIFTY...

...WE'LL HANDLE THEM ALL.

WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE, BROCK?

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.

I CAN'T LET THINGS GO ON THE WAY THEY'VE BEEN.

THIS IS A GOOD THING YOU'RE DOING, MR. BROCK.

PERHAPS WE CAN FIND SOME WAY TO HELP YOU AS WELL.

NO!

HE'S EVIL!

HE AND HIS SYM-BIOTE!

THEY'VE GOT TO DIE!

DONNA, CALM DOWN! GET CONTROL OF YOUR OTHER.

OH, I AM IN CONTROL. I'VE *ALWAYS* BEEN IN CONTROL.

MY OTHER HAS BEEN SPEAKING TO ME FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

I KNOW THE NATURE OF WHAT IT IS. IT IS *EVIL*...

...AND *WE* ARE EVIL FOR BONDING WITH THEM. THAT'S WHY...

...WE *ALL* HAVE TO *DIE!*

DONNA...

...WHY?

IT HAD TO BE. WE WERE CORRUPTED BY *THEM!*

I HAD TO KILL LESLIE... RAMON... TREVOR... BEFORE THEIR OTHERS TOOK OVER.

THEY WANT TO SPAWN... TO MULTIPLY...

I CAN'T LET THAT *HAPPEN.*

IT WOULDN'T BE *RIGHT.*

DONNA, PLEASE LISTEN TO ME... LISTEN TO YOURSELF!

THE VOICES YOU'RE HEARING... ARE YOU SURE THEY'RE FROM YOUR OTHER? *ARE* YOU--?!

I CAN *HEAR IT!* I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO HEAR MINE.

EVEN *BEFORE* I WAS UNITED WITH IT.

THE VOICES! THE VOICES *TOLD* ME THEY WERE COMING. TOLD ME TO BE *QUIET* ABOUT THEM.

TOLD ME WHAT I HAD TO *DO!*

OH, DONNA... HOW IS IT THAT NONE OF US EVER KNEW? HOW COULD YOU HAVE PASSED THE *PSYCHEVALUATION* AT THE FOUNDATION?

CARL...

PLEASE... I'M YOUR FRIEND... LET ME HELP YOU.

...I'M SORRY, BUT...

...I *HAVE* TO DO THIS.

SOMETHING'S GOING DOWN IN THERE PEOPLE! LET'S *MOVE* IT!

IT'S OVER, BROCK.

AFTER I KILL YOU I'LL HUNT DOWN YOUR OTHER AND THEN YOUR LAST SPAWN-- *CARNAGE!*

THEN IT WILL ONLY BE ME AND MY OTHER.

eddie

THEN I'LL *FINISH* IT... THE WORLD WILL BE *PURGED* OF THIS ABOMINATION.

knife

danger

no

We are one again

We are whole

WE ARE VENOM!

DIE MONSTER!

SORRY, LADY! WE'RE NO LONGER IN THE MOOD FOR DYING!

AND WE'RE FEELING MORE THAN A LITTLE CRANKY RIGHT NOW.

YOU MAY BE RIGHT ABOUT THE OTHERS NEEDING TO DIE, BUT...

...GUESS WHO I THINK WE NEED TO START WITH?

I HAVE RIGHT ON MY SIDE, VENOM!

I'VE GOT A *RIGHT* FOR YOU!

KRAK

THERE'RE *TWO* OF THE CREATURES!

BROCK AND THE ALIEN HAVE BEEN *REUNITED!*

WE'VE GOT HIM SURROUNDED.

ORDERS, COLONEL TANG? SHOULD WE KILL THEM?

CAN'T LET THEM TAKE US.

WE NEED TO SORT THINGS OUT.

WE... NO I... HAVE TO KNOW WHAT MY OTHER IS ALL ABOUT!

THEY'LL JUST DISSECT IT AND KILL IT.

HE'S TOO DANGEROUS.

DO IT.

I SAID FIRE!

HE'S GETTING READY TO TRY...

...SOMETHING!

WHERE'D HE GO?

HE'S IN CAMOUFLAGE MODE.

FIRE AT WILL. RANDOM BURSTS!

JUST HIT SOMETHING!

WHAT THE--

UGPH!

WE DIDN'T KILL HIM!

MAYBE WE'RE NOT ALL BAD.

MAYBE.

A SHORT TIME LATER...

JUST ABOUT FINISHED MOPPING UP, SIR.

ALL THE HUMAN HOSTS BUT THIS WOMAN ARE DEAD.

WE HAVE HER AND THE OTHER SYMBIOTES.

NO SIGN, SIR, BUT WE'VE ESTABLISHED ROAD BLOCKS IN AND OUT OF THE CITY. IF HE'S HERE--

AND VENOM?

HE'S GONE.

ELLIS! YOU'RE OUT OF HERE.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN... AND I ESPECIALLY DON'T WANT TO READ A WORD OF THIS IN THE BUGLE.

IF I DO...

NO NEED FOR THREATS, COLONEL.

THIS ISN'T THE STORY I WANTED.

BUT SOMEDAY ME, BROCK AND A TAPE RECORDER ARE GOING TO SIT DOWN AND HAVE A HEART-TO-HEART.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CITY...

GET OFF OF ME!

GET OFF NOW!

I NEED YOU OUT OF MY HEAD WHILE I SORT THROUGH EVERYTHING.

WE'RE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN AND I'M GLAD ABOUT THAT...

...OR AT LEAST I *THINK* I AM.

TOO MUCH HAS HAPPENED TO BOTH OF US FOR THINGS TO GO BACK TO EXACTLY THE WAY THEY WERE BEFORE.

I NEED SOME TIME TO *THINK* ABOUT THE WAY THINGS WERE BETWEEN US.

I NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH OF WHAT I'VE DONE IN THE PAST WAS BECAUSE OF YOU...

...AND HOW MUCH OF IT WAS *ME!*

AND A REAL BIG PART OF ME IS AFRAID TO HAVE THOSE QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

NEXT:

THOSE QUESTIONS WILL HAVE TO BE ANSWERED IN A HURRY! BECAUSE NEXT MONTH BEGINS THE NEWEST AND GREATEST VENOM LIMITED SERIES: *CARNAGE UNLEASHED!* IT'S THE ULTIMATE BATTLE OF THE V-MAN AND HIS SPAWN! IT'S BY LARRY HAMA, ANDREW WILDMAN, AND JOE RUBINSTEIN!

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